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WATFORD F.C. 1974–75

PEN PICTURES

ANDY RANKIN. Signed from Everton in November, 1971, and an ever present until injury forced him to miss the last five games of last season.

TREVOR HOW. Just become a full pro although not yet 18. Promoted in an emergency but shows signs of becoming a fixture in the side.

JOHN WILLIAMS. A reliable defender who has been with the club 10 years. Formerly with Spurs.

ROGER JOSLYN. A defender who came from Aldershot in November and was earlier with Colchester.

KEN GOODEVE. A former colleague of Mike Keen at Luton. Moved to Brighton from where he was signed during last close season.

ALAN GARNER. Another ex-Luton Town player who has just made a remarkable recovery from a fractured skull sustained only last month.

STEWART SCULLION. Now back with Watford after having a spell with Sheffield United, for whom he scored seven goals in 29 games.

MIKE KEEN. Player-manager and a professional for 17 years with Queens Park Rangers, Luton and Watford.

KEITH MERCER. An 18 year old local lad who has just got back into the side after a long absence following his debut in October.

BRIAN GREENHALGH. A much-travelled player since he and Brian Godfrey were transferred from Preston to Aston Villa nearly eight years ago. Other clubs include Huddersfield and Cambridge.

BOBBY DOWNES. Found his way to Vicarage Road via Rochdale in May, 1974, having previously been with West Bromwich and Peterborough.

WATFORD

Watford's history goes back to 1898 when the present club was formed by the amalgamation of Watford St. Mary's and West Hertfordshire. They became members of the Southern League until they joined the Southern Section of the Third Division when this was formed in 1920. Twice they had to seek re-election and when the Third Division was split into two Divisions they found themselves in the Fourth.

After only two seasons, they gained promotion and twice finished third in the table before winning the championship on goal average from Swindon Town in 1968–9.

In the following two seasons they narrowly missed relegation with 31 and 33 points respectively and then in 1971–72 they mustered only 19 points and the inevitable happened.

But despite these struggles in the League, Watford got into the F.A. Cup semi-final for the first time in 1970–71, beating Stoke and Liverpool amongst others, but when they met Chelsea, the eventual winners, at White Hart Lane, they were beaten 5–1.

Famous players at Watford have included Cliff Holton, who scored 42 goals for them in season 1959–60 in Division Four, Tommy Harmer, of Spurs fame, and our own Jimmy Gooch.

Fifty points last season put them in a respectable position and raised hopes of success this season but after occupying fifth place in the League in October they have slipped progressively down the table and will be looking for a good result tonight to help them in their bid to avoid relegation.

They have won only once away from home but their nine draws on tour mean that they have lost fewer games on other grounds than most clubs in our Division.

One of the highlights of the present season for Watford was the visit of North End at the beginning of the season when the Southern club took an early three-goal lead and North End got the score to 3–2 before time ran out.

In 1971–2 we played Watford four times, twice in Second Division matches which ended in North End winning 2–0 at Deepdale and Watford winning 1–0 at Vicarage Road, and twice in the League Cup, North End triumphing 2–1 at Deepdale after a 1–1 draw at Watford in the 2nd round. In the next round we drew at Tottenham and Spurs won the replay 2–1 after extra time.

In 1969–70 we beat Watford 3–0 at Deepdale in Division Two and the away match ended in a goalless draw.

MANAGER

Mike Keen joined the professional ranks in 1958 when he signed for Q.P.R. His next club was Luton, from where he made the short journey to Watford in July, 1972.

Last season he was appointed player-manager and had every reason to be satisfied with the results of his first season in charge. His own contribution on the playing side amounted to 44 games.

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CHARLT

Looking back on how Watford mesmerised us in the opening 20 minutes of the game at Vicarage Road and made us realise early in the season that we had a tough programme ahead, I am surprised at the decline in fortunes which has overtaken them.

In that opening spell, they produced some of the best football we were going to see all season and it is unthinkable that they should now be fighting against relegation.

We almost did salvage a point, but three goals was just too much to pull back and now our chance of revenge is here.

Sentiment has no place on the soccer field and we owe it to other clubs as well as to our spectators to get the best result possible from our remaining matches although we have nothing to gain except a more respectable position in the League table.

The Watford men who did the damage against us were Stewart Scullion, Pat Morrisey and Bill Jennings.

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ON CHAT

We expect to see Scullion here today but Jennings has moved on to West Ham, where he is doing great things, and last month we saw Morrisey here in an Aldershot jersey. No doubt the club has missed the goal-scoring ability of Jennings but most Third Division clubs can only survive by selling players.

Obviously we would like to hang on to Tony Morley, but, apart from the wish to allow the player to further his career we have to try to keep the club financially viable. I believe, too, that we are in a happy position when we come to look round for a replacement. The young players we have tried in the last few weeks have all done well and there are others eager and ready for a chance in the first team.

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First Team Record

SEASON 1974–75

1974	Opponents		Rslt.	Pts	Gate
Aug. 17	**Plymouth Argyle**	h	1–0	2	11663
,, 20	**Rochdale (LC1)**	h	1–0	–	7780
,, 24	Watford	a	2–3	0	8918
,, 31	**Walsall**	h	3–2	2	7446
Sept. 3	**Bury**	h	3–0	2	10404
,, 7	Aldershot	a	2–1	2	6337
,, 10	**Sunderland (LC2)**	h	2–0	–	13279
,, 14	**Blackburn Rovers**	h	0–0	1	18042
,, 17	**Charlton Athletic**	h	2–0	2	11869
,, 21	Peterborough United	a	0–0	1	13120
,, 24	Crystal Palace	a	0–1	0	19680
,, 28	**Bournemouth**	h	5–2	2	10421
Oct. 1	Bury	a	0–2	0	11914
,, 5	Hereford United	a	2–2	1	11438
,, 9	Chester (LC3)	a	0–1	–	11262
,, 12	**Colchester United**	h	0–2	0	10259
,, 19	Brighton	a	4–0	2	16413
,, 22	**Gillingham**	h	1–0	2	9861
,, 26	**Grimsby Town**	h	2–0	2	9934
Nov. 2	Halifax Town	a	0–3	0	3878
,, 6	Gillingham	a	1–2	0	10494
,, 9	**Southend United**	h	1–4	0	8295
,, 15	Tranmere Rovers	a	1–3	0	6534
,, 23	Blyth S. (F.A. Cup 1)	a	1–1	–	8500
,, 26	**Blyth S.** (F.A. Cup Rep)	h	5–1	–	10101
,, 30	**Huddersfield T.**	h	4–0	2	7958
Dec. 7	Wrexham	a	1–1	1	8266
,, 14	Bish. Auck. (FA Cup 2)	a	2–0		6500
,, 21	**Port Vale**	h	1–0	2	8743
,, 26	Blackburn Rovers	a	0–3	0	24005
,, 28	**Chesterfield**	h	2–1	2	9258
1975					
Jan. 4	**Carlisle U.** (FA Cup 3)	h	0–1	–	18682
,, 11	**Wrexham**	h	3–1	2	9293
,, 18	Huddersfield Town	a	1–0	2	7654
Feb. 1	Southend United	a	1–1	1	9134
,, 8	**Halifax town**	h	1–0	2	9786
,, 15	Swindon Town (5)	a	0–1	0	11892
,, 18	**Swindon Town**	h	2–0	2	11139
,, 22	**Tranmere Rovers**	h	1–0	2	10798
,, 28	Walsall	a	0–2	0	10151
Mar. 1					
,, 8	**Crystal Palace** (6)	h	1–1	1	12199
,, 15	Bournemouth	a	0–1	0	7337
,, 18	Plymouth Argyle	a	1–2	0	22145
,, 22	**Aldershot**	h	3–1	2	7474
,, 29	Port Vale	a	1–2	0	6583
,, 31	Chesterfield	a	0–0	1	8709
Apr. 1	**Peterborough United**	h	1–1	1	6547
,, 5	Grimsby Town (S.F.)	a	1–2	0	6221
,, 12	**Hereford United**	h	2–2	1	6528
,, 19	Colchester United	a	2–2	1	5228
,, 22	**Watford**	h			
,, 26	**Brighton**	h			
,, 29	Charlton Athletic	a			
May 3	F.A. Cup Final				

First Team Appearances Season 1974–75

(43 League matches)

Bird 43; Burns 42; Elwiss 41; Morley 41; Holden 40; Charlton 38; Spark 36; Sadler 29; Lamb 25; McMahon 25; Tunks 24; Brown 19; Stiles 17; Doyle 9; Fielding 9; Coleman 7; Treacy 7; Williams 7; Baxter, S. 5; Thomson 5; Smith 3; Baxter, M. 1.

First Team Goal Scorers Season 1974–75

(F.A. Cup): Holden 4, Elwiss 2; Charlton 1; Morley 1.
(League Cup): Charlton 1; Holden 1; Morley 1.
(League): Holden 17; Elwiss 11, Morley 10; Charlton 8; Bird 5; Burns 2; Lamb 1; McMahon 1; Smith 1; Own Goals 2 (Chesterfield and Port Vale).

SEASON 1974–75
Division III
(including 19th April, 1975)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Ag.	Pts
Plymouth Argyle	44	24	10	10	78	56	58
Blackburn Rovers	43	21	15	7	64	42	57
Charlton Athletic	43	21	10	12	71	56	52
Port Vale	43	17	15	11	57	47	49
Crystal Palace	43	17	15	11	62	52	49
Swindon Town	44	19	11	14	59	55	49
Peterborough Utd.	42	18	12	12	44	47	48
Preston North End	**43**	**18**	**10**	**15**	**59**	**51**	**46**
Walsall	43	16	13	14	61	49	45
Gillingham	43	15	14	14	62	56	44
Hereford United	44	16	12	16	60	62	44
Wrexham	43	15	13	15	64	53	43
Bury	43	15	12	16	49	45	42
Colchester United	43	15	12	16	64	60	42
Grimsby Town	44	15	12	17	54	61	42
Chesterfield	44	15	11	18	60	66	41
Brighton & HA	43	15	10	18	54	62	40
Halifax Town	44	12	16	16	46	63	40
Southend United	44	12	15	17	44	50	39
Aldershot	44	14	10	20	50	59	37
Watford	43	10	16	17	46	66	36
AFC Bournemouth	43	11	12	20	38	54	34
Tranmere Rovers	43	12	8	23	51	56	32
Huddersfield T.	44	11	8	25	45	74	30

PROFESSIONAL PLAYING STAFF Season 1974–75

	Height	Weight	Birthplace
Baxter, Stuart	6' 1"	11st 11	Wolverhampton
Bird, John	6' 0"	12st 6	Doncaster
Brown, John	5' 11½"	12st 6	Bradford
Burns, Francis	5' 8½"	10st 7	Coatbridge
Charlton, Bobby	5' 9"	12st 1	Ashington
Coleman, Gordon	5' 8½"	11st	Nottingham
Doyle, S. (App.)	5' 9"	10st 10	Neath, Glam.
Elwiss, Michael	5' 11½"	12st	Doncaster
Fielding, Mark	5' 9"	11st	Bury
Holden, Mel	6' 2"	13st 2	Dundee
Lamb, Alan	5' 9"	10st 4	Falkirk
McMahon, John	5' 9"	12st	Manchester
Morley, tony	5' 8"	10st 12	Ormskirk
Sadler, David	6' 0"	12st 10	Yalding (Kent)
Smith, John	5' 8"	10st 8	Coatbridge, Lan.
Spark, Alex.	6' 0"	12st 10	Stenhousemuir
Stiles, Nobby	5' 6"	10st 10	Manchester
Treacy, Ray	5' 9"	11st	Dublin
Tunks, Roy	6' 1"	13st	Wuppertall, W. Ger.
Williams, Gary	6' 0"	11st 4	Liverpool

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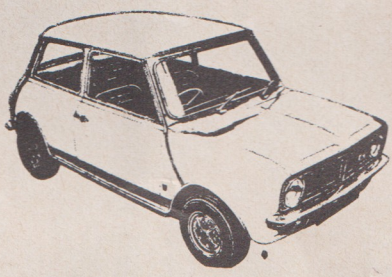

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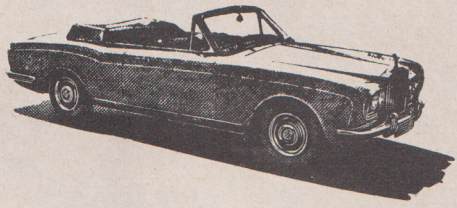

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Top Right:
Francis Burns heads over the ex-North End Youth goalkeeper, Jim Blythe, for North End's first goal.

Botton Right:
Tony Morley scores No. 2 from a penalty.

Below:
Mike Elwiss in action.

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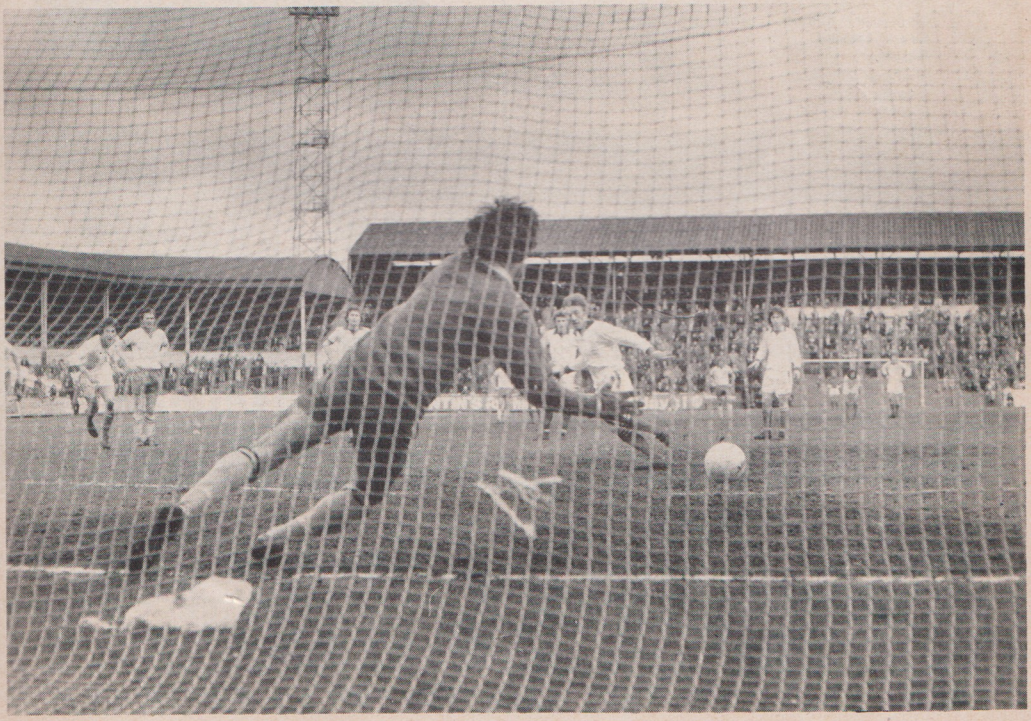

Reserve Team Record

RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES

1974		Opponents		Rslt.	Pts
Aug.	17	Aston Villa	a	1–4	0
,,	24	**Bury**	h	2–0	2
,,	27	**Blackpool**	h	3–2	2
,,	31	Coventry City	a	1–3	0
Sept.	3	Blackpool	a	2–2	1
,,	14	Wolverhampton W.	a	2–4	0
,,	21	**Sheffield Wednesday**	h	2–3	0
,,	28	Liverpool	a	2–4	0
Oct.	5	**Bolton Wanderers**	h	1–1	1
,,	12	West Bromwich Albion	a	1–3	0
,,	14	**Wolverhampton W.**	h	1–0	2
,,	19	**Mancnester City**	h	0–1	0
,,	29	Huddersfield Town	a	1–1	1
Nov	2	**Sheffield United**	h	1–2	0
,,	5	**Blackburn Rovers**	h	0–0	1
,,	9	Newcastle United	a	1–0	2
,,	30	Burnley	a	4–2	2
Dec	7	**Nottingham Forest**	h	1–0	2
,,	21	Leeds United	a	1–2	0
1975					
Jan.	11	Nottingham Forest	a	2–2	1
,,	15	**Liverpool**	h	1–4	0
Feb.	1	**Newcastle United**	h	1–0	2
,,	8	Sheffield United	a	0–0	2
,,	15	**Stoke City**	h	0–0	1
,,	18	Bury	a	1–1	1
,,	21	Everton	a	0–1	0
,,	25	**Derby County**	h	0–3	0
,,	28	**Coventry City**	h	1–0	2
Mar.	5	Derby County	a	0–3	0
,,	8	Manchester United	a	2–0	2
,,	15	**Leeds United**	h	3–1	2
,,	18	**Burnley**	h	0–4	0
,,	22	Sheffield Wednesday	a	0–1	0
,,	26	**Everton**	h	0–1	0
,,	31	Blackburn Rovers	a	1–1	1
Apr.	9	**West Bromwich A.**	h	0–1	0
,,	12	Bolton Wanderers	a	1–3	0
,,	15	Stoke City	a	0–2	0
,,	17	**Manchester U.**	h	1–3	0
,,	19	**Huddersfield T.**	h	P–P	
,,	24	**Aston Villa**	h		
,,	26	Manchester City	a		

SEASON 1974–75

Central League

(including 19th April, 1975)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Ag.	Pts
Liverpool	41	23	11	7	88	50	57
West Bromwich A.	40	19	15	6	57	33	53
Manchester City	40	22	8	10	58	39	52
Derby County	38	19	12	7	78	36	50
Everton	41	19	9	13	51	38	47
Wolverhampton W.	41	21	4	16	61	61	46
Norringham Forest	41	18	9	14	80	51	45
Coventry City	39	15	12	12	68	58	42
Stoke City	38	15	12	11	44	38	42
Sheffield Wednesday	41	18	6	17	60	66	42
Blackpool	41	16	9	16	62	59	41
Leeds United	40	14	13	13	54	57	41
Aston Villa	37	17	6	14	61	57	40
Newcastle United	40	14	9	17	43	49	37
Manchester United	40	11	13	16	52	58	35
Bolton Wanderers	40	10	14	16	48	61	34
Burnley	38	12	10	16	61	66	34
Huddersfield T.	41	12	8	21	46	65	32
Preston North End	**39**	**10**	**10**	**19**	**41**	**64**	**30**
Bury	39	9	9	21	49	86	27
Sheffield United	38	9	6	23	44	73	24
Blackburn Rovers	39	4	13	22	32	73	21

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OUR DIVISION

Blackburn Rovers' return to the Second Division after four seasons in present company may be a cause for celebration in East Lancashire, but for North End it will mean the loss of two "derby" gates at a time when any reduction in income is a matter for concern.

The gate of 18,042 for Rovers' visit to Deepdale is easily the highest League attendance at Deepdale this season and the 24,005 who saw the return game at Ewood was the biggest crowd to see North End all season.

Another well-supported side to leave us is Plymouth Argyle, who had a crowd of 22,145 when we visited them in March. This was not the only time they managed figures of over 20,000 this season, and these attendances have shown that the public will respond to a successful and attractive team because back in September, before their promotion push got under way, Argyle were lucky if they pulled in 6,000 spectators.

At this time of the year attendance figures tend to reflect the success or otherwise of a side. Wrexham and near-the-bottom Brighton played before 3,382 and struggling Halifax, who can seldom raise their gate to 3,000, had to be content with the encouragement of 2,201 fans when they entertained Tranmere.

Halifax, in fact, drew attention to their own plight and that of many other clubs in the lower divisions back in September. Their gates have not improved since and it can only be assumed that, despite their great fight against the threat of relegation, they have another serious fight on their hands – that of survival.

They expressed a preference for a return to the old system of North and South sections of the Third Division but, though the annual meeting of the League is not far off, there have so far been no suggestions for radical changes.

Southport have the unhappy distinction of being the first club in all four divisions to have a gate of under four figures this season. Only 924 saw their night match with Scunthorpe on April 8th and unless things pick up they will be better off when they play away. Their receipts were only £320, of which £250 had to be paid under League rules to the visitors. Like many other clubs, they survive by virtue of money raised by pools and other activities.

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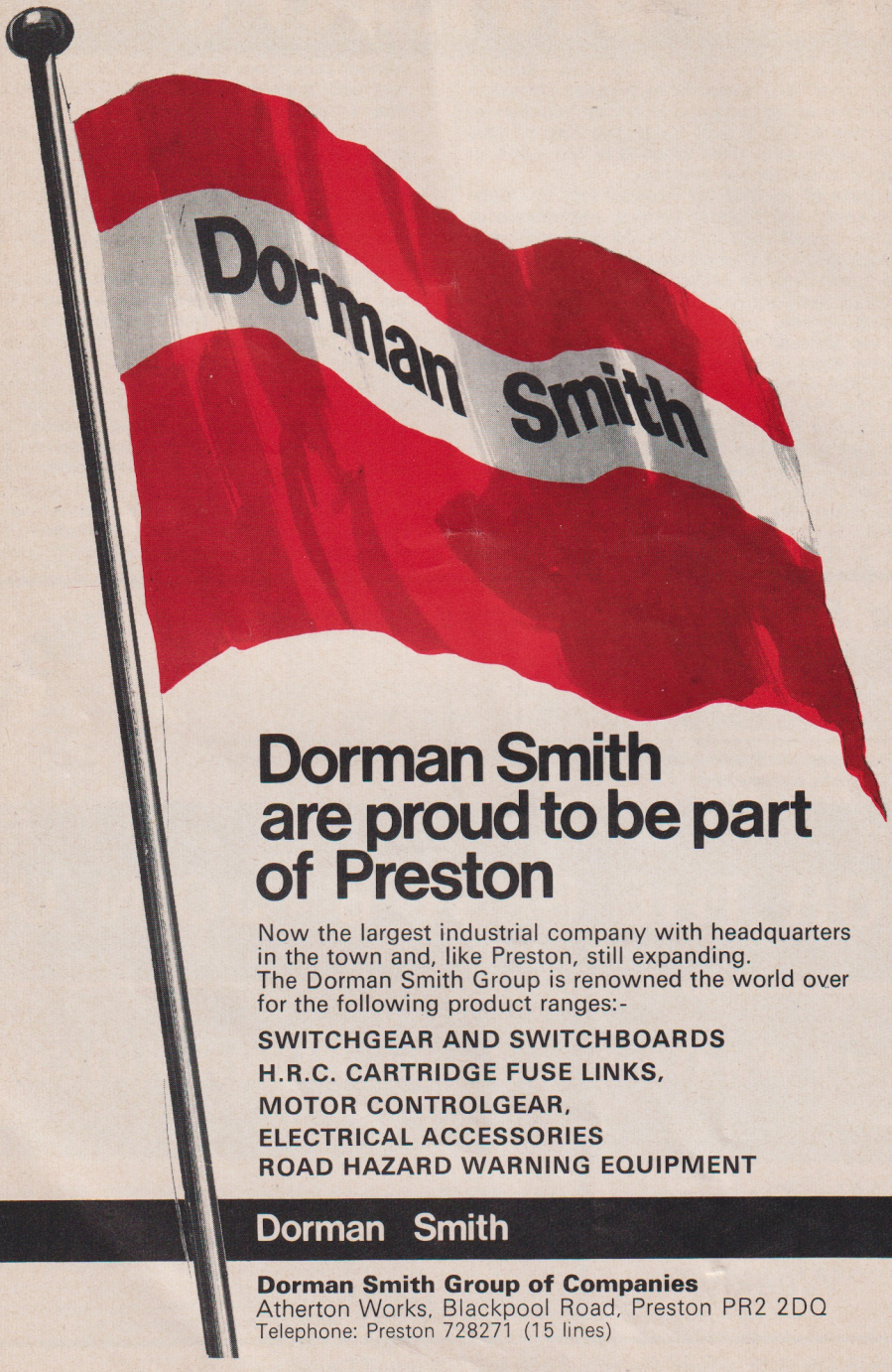

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George Dewsnip, who was a junior with North End before moving to Southport, has just played his first full League game for the seaside club and his display seems to have been full of promise. George's chief problem is his slight build and efforts are being made to remedy this with a special diet.

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Now that Howard Kendall's Birmingham have been knocked out of the F.A. Cup, the only chance of reflected glory for North End from this season's honours lies with Derby County and their ex-North End skipper, Archie Gemmell. Archie's popularity seems to have increased during the five years he has spent at the Baseball Ground and he was entrusted with the captaincy after Roy McFarland had to drop out through injury. Now he has a good chance of stepping forward to receive the League Trophy at the end of the season and many Preston supporters will be rooting for him.

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International honours do not often come the way of Third Division players, so hearty congratulations to Bury striker Derek Spence, who helped Northern Ireland to beat Yugoslavia.

Col. Sanders' Recipe

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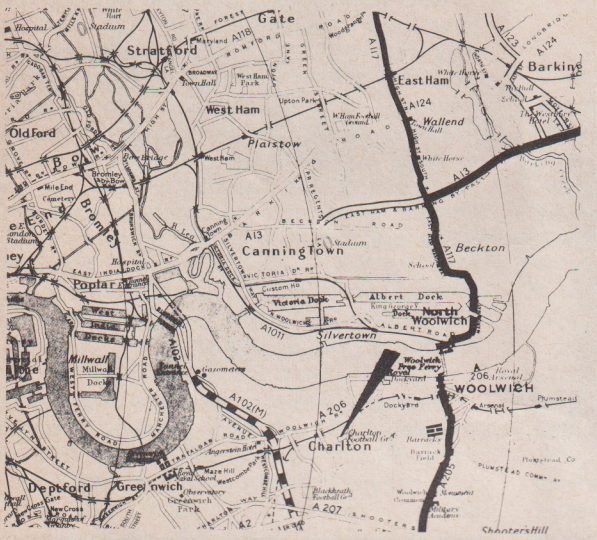

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